

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 611

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jenny Ryan on her selection as the Teacher of the Year at Union Heights Elementary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jenny Ryan is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ryan was recently selected as the Teacher of the Year for Union Heights Elementary in the Hamblen County School District, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Jenny Ryan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in special education from Carson-Newman College, where she played soccer and won an All-American Award, and later completed a master's degree in leadership and supervision from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, as head basketball coach for the Lady Tornados of Union Heights, Ms. Ryan has taught her girls valuable life lessons on and off the court and twice led her team to the small school conference; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her leadership at Union Heights, she has served as the five-year head coach for the women's U18 Club Soccer Team at the Lakeway Area Soccer Club; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary tenure at Union Heights, Ms. Ryan has rendered sterling service as a valued member of the Data Team, a Crisis Intervention trainer, a new

teacher mentor, a volunteer with Special Olympics, and a co-chair of committees for the basketball banquet, chili cookout, and awards day; and

WHEREAS, an extended skills teachers, she has also devoted her summers to tutoring small groups of special needs students in academic classes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ryan truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Jenny Ryan truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jenny Ryan on being chosen as the Teacher of the Year at Union Heights Elementary, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.